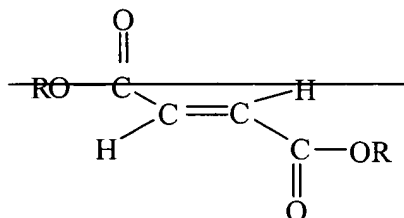


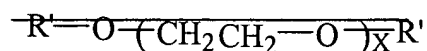
1. (Currently amended) A composition for use in formulating high water content storage stable water-in-oil emulsions, said composition consisting essentially of a mixture of:

a). ~~dialkyl fumarate according to the structure:~~



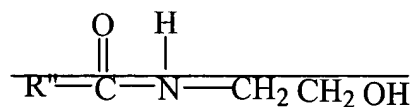
where R is a C_{12} - C_{22} ~~linear or branch-chained alkyl group~~; dibehenyl fumarate as component A of said mixture;

b). ~~a polyethyleneglycol dihydroxystearate according to the structure:~~



where R' is a 12-hydroxystearoyl group and X is an integer from 16 to 60; PEG dihydroxy stearate as component B of said mixture; and

c). ~~an alkyl monoethanolamide according to the structure:~~



where R² is a C₁₁-C₂₁ linear or branch-chained alkyl group, stearic monoethanolamide as component C of said mixture;

wherein the weight ratio of any one of said components A, B and C in said composition is no greater than about 3 times and no less than about 1/3 the weight ratio of any other component A, B, and C in said composition.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of any one of said components A, B and C in said composition is no greater than about 2 times and no less than about 1/2 the weight ratio of any other component A, B, and C in said composition.

4. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 2 ~~1~~ wherein the weight ratio of components A, B and C in said composition is about 1:1:1.

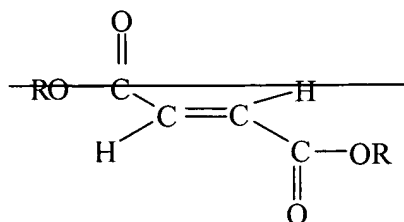
5. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 2 ~~1~~ wherein the weight ratio of components A, B and C in said composition is about 3:2:3.

6. (Original) The composition according to claim 1 further including an effective amount of at least one additive selected from the group consisting of surfactants, fragrances, preservatives, thickeners, gelling agents, anti-oxidants, vitamins, pigments, coloring agents, dispersing agents, conditioning agents, uv absorbing agents and humectants.

7. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 2 ~~1~~ further including an effective amount of at least one additive selected from the group consisting of surfactants, fragrances, preservatives, thickeners, gelling agents, anti-oxidants, vitamins, pigments, coloring agents, dispersing agents, conditioning agents, uv absorbing agents and humectants.

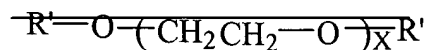
8. (Currently amended) A composition in the form of an emulsion exhibiting storage stability comprising:

a) about 1% to about 15% by weight of a dialkyl fumarate according to the structure:



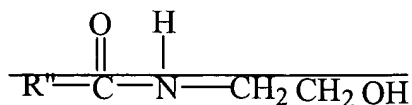
where R is a C_{12} - C_{22} linear or branch-chained alkyl group of dibehenyl fumarate as component A of said mixture;

b) about 1% to about 15% by weight of a polyethyleneglycol dihydroxystearate according to the structure:



where R' is a 12-hydroxystearoyl group and X is an integer from 16 to 60; PEG 1500 dihydroxystearate as component B of said mixture;

c) about 1% to about 15% by weight of an alkyl monoethanolamide according to the structure:



where R'' is a C_{17} - C_{21} linear or branch-chained alkyl group stearic monoethanolamide as component C of said mixture;

d) ~~about 5% to about 85% by weight of an emollient oil in an effective amount ranging from about 1:5 to about 25:1 of the weight ratio of the mixture of components a, b and c;~~

e) about ~~10%~~ 50% to about 90% by weight water; and

f) optionally, about 0.05% to about 50% by weight of an additive selected from the group consisting of surfactants, conditioning agents, coloring agents, pigments, fragrances, humectants, preservatives, anti-oxidants, oil and water soluble medicaments, deodorant compounds, anti-perspirant compounds and mixtures thereof;

with the proviso that the weight ratio of any one of said components A, B and C in said emulsion composition is no greater than about 3 times and no less than about 1/3 the weight ratio of any other component A, B and C in said emulsion composition.

9. Cancelled.

10. (Original) The composition according to claim 8 wherein the weight ratio of any one of said components A, B and C in said composition is no greater than about 2 times and no less than about 1/2 the weight ratio of any other component A, B and C in said composition.

11. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 9 8 wherein the weight ratio of said components A, B and C in said composition is about 1:1:1.

12. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 9 8 wherein the weight ratio of said components A, B and C in said composition is about 3:2:3.

13. (Original) The composition according to claim 8 wherein said emollient oil is selected from the group consisting of petrolatum and mineral oil, fatty esters of maleates, neopentanoates, citrates, fumarates, esters of myristates, stearates, isostearates, palmitates, and animal and vegetable glyceride esters.

14. (Original) The composition according to claim 8 wherein said emollient oil is an animal or vegetable oil selected from the group consisting of soybean, sunflower, safflower, cottonseed, linseed, iticica, tung, castor, cocoanut, palm oil, fish oil and fish liver oil.

15. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 9 8 wherein said emollient oil is selected from the group consisting of petrolatum and mineral oil, fatty esters of maleates, neopentanoates, neopentanoyls, citrates, fumarates, esters of myristates, stearates, isostearates, palmitates, and animal and vegetable glyceride esters.

16. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 9 8 wherein said emollient oil is an animal or vegetable oil selected from the group consisting of soybean, sunflower, safflower, cottonseed, linseed, iticica, tung, castor, cocoanut, palm oil, fish oil and fish liver oil.

17. (Original) The composition according to claim 11 wherein said emollient oil is selected from the group consisting of petrolatum and mineral oil, fatty esters of maleates, neopentanoates, citrates, fumarates, esters of myristates, stearates, isostearates, palmitates, and animal and vegetable glyceride esters.

18. (Original) The composition according to claim 11 wherein said emollient oil is an animal or vegetable oil selected from the group consisting of soybean, sunflower, safflower, cottonseed, linseed, iticica, tung, castor, cocoanut, palm oil, fish oil and fish liver oil.

19. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 9 8 wherein said emollient oil is selected from the group consisting of octyldodecyl neopentanoate, isopropyl myristate and octyl palmitate.

20. (Original) The composition according to claim 11 wherein said emollient oil is selected from the group consisting of octyldodecyl neopentanoate, isopropyl myristate and octyl

palmitate.

21. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 8 wherein said water comprises at least about 50% 60% by weight of said composition.

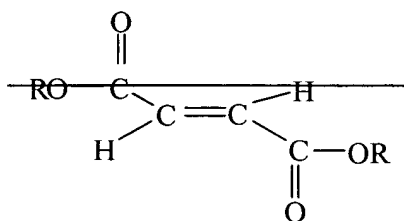
22. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 9 8 wherein said water comprises at least about 50% 60% by weight of said composition.

23. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 10 wherein said water comprises at least about 50% 60% by weight of said composition.

24. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 10 wherein said water comprises at least about 50% 60% by weight of said composition.

25. (Previously amended) A personal care composition in the form of an emulsion exhibiting storage stability comprising:

a) about 1% to about 15% by weight of a ~~dialkyl fumarate according to the structure:~~



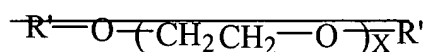
where R is a ~~C₁₂-C₂₂ linear or branch-chained alkyl group~~ dibehenyl fumarate as component A of said mixture;

b) about 1% to about 15% by weight of a ~~polyethyleneglycol dihydroxystearate according to the structure:~~



where R'' is a 12-hydroxystearoyl group and X is an integer from 16 to 60; PEG 1500 dihydroxystearate as component B of said mixture;

c) ~~about 1% to about 15% by weight of an alkyl monoethanolamide according to the structure:~~



where R'' is a C₁₁-C₂₁ linear or branch-chained alkyl group, stearic monoethanolamide as component C of said mixture;

d) ~~about 5% to about 85% by weight of an emollient oil~~ in an effective amount ranging from about 1:5 to about 25:1 of the weight ratio of the mixture of components a, b and c;

e) about ~~10%~~ 50% to about 90% by weight water; and

f) about 0.5% to about 50% by weight of at least one additive selected from the group consisting of surfactants, skin and hair conditioning agents, coloring agents, pigments, fragrances, humectants, preservatives, anti-oxidants, oil and water soluble medicaments, deodorant compounds, antiperspirant compounds, and mixtures thereof, with the proviso that the weight ratio of any one of said components A, B and C in said emulsion composition is no greater than about 3 times and no less than about 1/3 the weight ratio of any other component A, B and C in said emulsion composition.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Original) The composition according to claim 25 wherein the weight ratio of any

one of said components A, B and C in said composition is no greater than about 2 times and no less than about 1/2 the weight ratio of any other component A, B and C in said composition.

28. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~26~~ 25 wherein the weight ratio of said components A, B and C in said composition is about 1:1:1.

29. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~26~~ 25 wherein the weight ratio of said components A, B and C in said composition is about 3:2:3.

30. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~26~~ 25 wherein said emollient oil is selected from the group consisting of petrolatum and mineral oil, fatty esters of maleates, neopentanoates, citrates, fumarates, esters of myristates, stearates, isostearates, palmitates, and animal and vegetable glyceride esters.

31. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~26~~ 25 wherein said emollient oil is an animal or vegetable oil selected from the group consisting of soybean, sunflower, safflower, cottonseed, linseed, iticica, tung, castor, cocoanut, palm oil, fish oil and fish liver oil.

32. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 25 comprising at least 50% 60% by weight water.

33. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim ~~26~~ 30 comprising at least 50% 60% by weight water.

34. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 27 comprising at least 50% 60% by weight water.

35. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 28 comprising at least ~~50%~~ 60% by weight water.

36. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 29 comprising at least ~~50%~~ 60% by weight water.